

UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**Examiner:** Unknown **Art Unit:** Unknown**Re:** Application of: DE HAAN, P.H., et al**Serial No.:** 10/ 070,576**Filed:** March 8, 2002**For:** **SENOR FOR DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF
MOISTURE****INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Hon. Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 5, 2002

Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, Applicants herewith submit form PTO-1449 which lists references cited in the International Search Report (ISR), submitted with Form PTO 1390 dated March 8, 2002 and the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) for the PCT application corresponding to the present application and of which Applicants are aware. English translations of the German patent documents are not presently available but it is noted that in the ISR, the PCT Searching Authority deemed each of the references to be type A references which merely describe the general state of the art and are not considered to be of particular relevance. Upon the request of the Examiner, Applicants will, however, obtain and submit a translation of any reference submitted herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the U.S. patents called to the Examiner's attention herein, Applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicants reserve the right to contend, where appropriate, that a patent asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

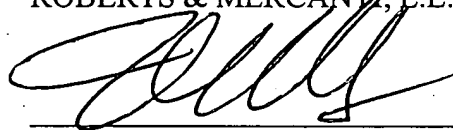
Applicants also reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicants request that the Examiner independently determine those items which the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application. Accordingly, this document complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(b). It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 Form be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

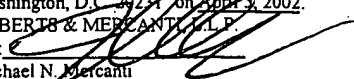
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